

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, September 16, 2021 – 3:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform

- I. **Chairperson Jim Holley called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation.** Chaplain Jacqueline Timmons provided the invocation.
- III. **Mission Statement of the Board of Police Commissioners.**
- IV. **Introduction of Police Commissioners. A roll call was held, and a quorum was declared.**

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners' Membership / Attendance		
	Attend	Not-Attend
Rev. Jim Holley, PhD, Chairperson	Yes	
Martin Jones, Vice-Chairperson	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown	Yes	
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Annie Holt	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	11	

- V. **Commissioner Bernard** moved “to approve the Agenda for Thursday, September 16, 2021.” The motion was adopted.

VOTE: **Yes = 8** **No = 1** **Motion: ADOPTED**

Yes: Chairperson Holley, Vice-Chairperson Jones, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Bernard, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Carter, and Commissioner Holt.

No: Commissioner Davis.

- VI. **Chairperson Holley** called for any corrections to the Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2021. The minutes were approved as corrected.

VOTE: **Yes = 9** **No = 0** **Motion: ADOPTED**

- VII. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives.**

- VIII. **Chair's Report.** Chairperson Holley provided the following information:

- (1) **BOPC APPROVAL OF TOW RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OCP TO GOVERN TOW CONTRACTS:** Last week, the Board voted to authorize the Office of Contracting and Procurement (OCP) to support open bids; award tow contracts in among other key items. The Board will still maintain power of the DPD Tow Operations and the DPD Tow Monitor regarding Police Authorized Tows as well as conduct other review and evaluation of contracts, operations, and assist with enforcing tow rules in alignment with the City's contract process, BOPC Tow Rules, and guidelines. For more information, please view the Board's resolution approved on September 9, 2021. Thank you for your cooperation.

PROPOSED TOW ORDINANCE: Please note that City Council recently held a public hearing discussing the proposed tow ordinance introduced by Council President Jones. Our Board Attorney, Attorney Whitley will provide a copy of the revised proposed tow ordinance and share updates next week.

- (2) **COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE/DESK SPACE AT THE PRECINCTS:** As a reminder, Commissioners have Office/Desk Space at the precincts for your use. Ms. Blossom has included BOPC supplies of the BOPC materials, complaint brochures and other items. Each precinct has a desk for your use. Thank you to Chief White for providing this space and to your Command Staff for working with us on this project. Thank you also to the Board's Staff Ms. Blossom and Ms. White. Should you have any questions, please contact Board Staff for further assistance.
- (3) **OCI VEHICLE HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT:** Earlier this week, I received information regarding a hit and run accident that occurred regarding one of the OCI vehicles. The vehicle was parked when it was struck by an unknown driver. No staff members were inside the vehicle when the accident occurred; nor did any wrongdoing occur by any OCI Staff or Supervisor. DPD Members responded to the scene; completed an accident report; and are currently investigating this matter to identify the unknown offending driver who struck one of the vehicles. Also, for any Board Member who would like to view the tape of the accident, it is available.
- (4) **PROPOSED BOARD BYLAW AMENDMENTS REGARDING SUBCOMMITTEES:** Within the next week, the Board will receive the updated proposed bylaws amendments to add committees previously discussed last month. Our Board Parliamentarian, Dr. Frances Jackson, will also be present during the meeting to answer any questions as we work to add committees back to our structure.
- (5) **CLOSED SESSION AGENDA TODAY:** Today, we have (3) items to discuss during our Closed Sessions:
 - Two (2) Administrative Leave Without Pay Requests from Chief White regarding Police Officer Otis Funches, Badge 690, assigned to the Twelfth Precinct; and Sergeant Derek Loranger, Badge S-166; assigned to the Detroit Detention Center; and
 - The last item is the Board's personnel item to follow up on the Senior Investigator resumes/applications.
- (6) Chairperson Holley also provided remarks regarding the following: Chief's Report and other agenda items in preparation for today's Board Meeting.

IX. Resolution: Vice-Chairperson Jones read the resolution honoring Sergeant Brady H. Bruenton (Retirement).

**RESOLUTION HONORING
SERGEANT BRADY H. BRUENTON**

WHEREAS Brady Bruenton was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on June 16, 1977. Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Bruenton began his career at the Ninth Precinct; and

WHEREAS Officer Bruenton's assignments with the Detroit Police Department included the Ninth Precinct, Internal Controls, and Narcotics Unit; and

WHEREAS Officer Bruenton displayed tremendous knowledge and leadership skills, and he earned promotion to Sergeant on August 26, 1994. Sergeant Bruenton's assignments included the following units: Narcotics, Gang Enforcement-Crews, Prisoner Processing, Sixth Precinct, and Communications Operations, where he served until his retirement; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Bruenton was the deserving recipient of the following awards: Citation Award, two Chief's Unit Awards, both Consent Judgment Awards, the Ford Fireworks Award, the Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, and the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award. He also received numerous letters of commendation from citizens and superiors; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Bruenton has tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and its neighboring communities for 44 years. He has served the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of the City of Detroit with loyalty, professionalism, integrity and dedication, and is widely respected throughout the law enforcement community as the consummate professional.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of Detroit, recognizes and honors the lifelong contributions and commitment to excellence in public service of Sergeant Brady Bruenton. For more than four decades, his display of courage and unwavering community spirit has improved the quality of life for the citizens of Detroit. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

We thank and congratulate you, Sergeant Brady H. Bruenton.

Commissioner Holt moved adoption of a resolution, which was adopted as follows: *"Resolved, That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, awards this resolution in recognition of Sergeant Brady H. Bruenton and his more than 44 years of dedicated and diligent public service. His professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards."*

Commissioner Burch read the resolution honoring Corporal Shawn E. Lee (Retirement).

**RESOLUTION HONORING
CORPORAL SHAWN E. LEE**

WHEREAS Shawn Lee was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on January 8, 1996. Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Police Officer Lee began his career at the Sixth Precinct; and

WHEREAS He dutifully served the Sixth Precinct, Northwestern District, and the Sixth Precinct again. Officer Lee displayed tremendous diligence and aptitude in his assignments. On August 1, 2016, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal and continued to serve at the Sixth Precinct until his retirement; and

WHEREAS During his law enforcement career, Corporal Lee was the deserving recipient of a Lifesaving Citation and Medal, Chief Merit Award, seven Citation Awards, both Consent Judgment Awards, the Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, and the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, as well as commendations from supervisors and numerous letters of appreciation from citizenry; and

WHEREAS Corporal Lee has tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and its neighboring communities for 25-plus years. His professionalism, commitment to public service, integrity, and dedication have been a credit to the Detroit Police Department. He is highly respected as a consummate professional.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, awards this resolution in recognition of Corporal Shawn Lee's 25-plus years of dedicated and diligent public service. His professionalism, integrity, and lifelong commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Corporal Shawn E. Lee.

Commissioner Bernard moved adoption of a resolution, which was adopted as follows: *"Resolved, That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, awards this resolution in recognition of Corporal Shawn E. Lee's 25-plus years of dedicated and diligent public service. His professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards."*

Commissioner Holt read the resolution honoring Police Officer Ryan M. May (Retirement).

**RESOLUTION HONORING
POLICE OFFICER RYAN M. MAY**

WHEREAS Ryan May was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on March 1, 1999. Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Police Officer May began his career at the Ninth Precinct; and

WHEREAS He dutifully served the Ninth Precinct, Eastern District, the Ninth Precinct again, and Task Force Administration until his retirement; and

WHEREAS

During his law enforcement career, Officer May was the deserving recipient of both Consent Judgment Awards, the Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, and the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, as well as commendations from supervisors and numerous letters of appreciation from citizenry; and

WHEREAS

Officer May has tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and its neighboring communities for more than 22 years. His professionalism, commitment to public service, integrity, and dedication have been a credit to the Detroit Police Department. He is highly respected as a consummate professional.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, awards this resolution in recognition of Police Officer Ryan May's for more than 22 years of dedicated and diligent public service. His professionalism, integrity, and lifelong commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Police Officer Ryan M. May.

Commissioner Burch moved adoption of a resolution, which was adopted as follows: *"Resolved, That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, awards this resolution in recognition of Police Officer Ryan May's and his more than 22 years of dedicated and diligent public service. His professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards."*

- X. Chief of Police Report: Chief of Police's Summary of CompStat Data and other Crime Information/DPD Information:**
On behalf of Chief James E. White, Deputy Chief Marlon Wilson reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property; COVID-19 impacts, and recent critical incidents impacting DPD and the community. See attached Meeting Transcripts for more information.
- XI. PRESENTATION(S) TO THE BOARD: A. Budget Report/DPD Fiscal (Quarter #4-Final) – Agency Chief Financial Officer Nervus Nazarko.**
B. DPD Risk Management – Director Christopher Graveline, Professional Standards Bureau and Constitutional Policing.
 - A. Budget Report/DPD Fiscal (Quarter #4-Final) – Agency Chief Financial Officer Nervus Nazarko** provided an update on the following: Budget to Actual Revenues & Expenses as of 06/30/2021; Grant Activity Report (New Grants for the quarter ending 06/30/2021; Forfeiture Activity for the quarter ending 06/30/2021; GSD Capital Expenditure Report; and the Vehicle Purchase Report. *See* attached Meeting Transcripts and PowerPoint Presentation for more information.

	Q4 YTD Amended Budget	Q4 YTD Actuals	Variance	Variance Percentage
Total Revenues	\$52,629,000	\$37,776,000	(\$14,853,000)	(28.2%)
Total Expenditures	\$315,410,000	\$303,008,000	\$12,402,000	3.93%
NET TAX COST	\$262,781,000	\$265,232,000	(\$2,451,000)	(0.093%)

	Q4 YTD Actuals	FY 21 Annual Amended Budget	Percentage of Annual Budget
Total Revenues	\$37,776,000	\$52,629,000	71.77%
Total Expenditures	\$308,008,000	\$315,410,321	96.07%
NET TAX COST	\$265,232,000	\$262,781,321	100.9%

- B. DPD Risk Management – Director Christopher Graveline, Professional Standards Bureau and Constitutional Policing** provided an overview of the Department’s revised Risk Management System discussing the following: historical background regarding the risk management system and the disciplinary process; recent events that led to the Department enhancing the system; and historical data involving citizen complaints from the OCI Investigative Division along with corresponding dispositions. The presentation also included a comparison of Police Officers assigned to Platoon 4 Special Operations for 2016-2018 and Citizen Complaints and PEERS for members assigned to Platoon 4/Special Operations in 2016, 2017, and 2018 and other key statistical data. The Department’s New Risk Management Strategy and Plan were discussed regarding the DPS’s Risk Management Unit; Investment in New Technology; Staffing; DEI Manager; Disciplinary Administration; and Amassing Complaints.

Chief of Police James E. White also discussed other strategic measures the Department will employ to ensure the success of the new Risk Management Program by providing internal oversight processes; ensuring command, supervisory, and DPD member accountability; employing other key initiatives to include equity and inclusion throughout the DPD’s job descriptions and work performance requirements; and implementing an evaluation process regarding qualifications and eligibility for DPD Promotions. *See attached Meeting Transcripts and PowerPoint Presentation for more information.*

XII. Report from Interim Board Secretary Melanie White/Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information:

1. Weekly DPD Facial Recognition Technology Report 9/6/21 – 9/12/21
2. Correspondence from COP James E. White Re: Change of Duty Status to Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Sergeant Derek Loranger, Badge S-166, assigned to the Detroit Detention Center
3. Adjudicated Disciplinary Cases for August 2021
4. Correspondence from Ms. Coralee Trussell Re: Applicant Appeal
5. Correspondence from Mr. Tarik Jackson Re: Applicant Appeal
6. Staff Reports

XIII. Unfinished Business.

Commissioner Burton moved “to extend public comments from two minutes to three minutes.” The motion failed.

VOTE: **Yes = 8** **No = 3** **Motion: FAILED**

Yes: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burton, and Commissioner Davis. Jones,

No: Chairperson Holley, Vice-Chairperson Jones, Commissioner Bernard, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Holt.

Commissioner Burton moved “to extend public comments from two minutes to one minute and 30 seconds.” Chairperson Holley ruled the motion out of order.

XIV. Announcements.

Mr. Robert Brown announced the following:

1. **Next Virtual Meeting:** Thursday, September 23, 2021, @ 3:00 p.m., Zoom Technology.
2. **Next Virtual Meeting:** Thursday, September 30, 2021, @ 3:00 p.m., Zoom Technology.

XV. Oral Communications/Public Comments:

CAC Scotty Boman, Ms. Bernice Smith, 699 is Cunningham, Overwith is Rhuben Crowley, and Minister Eric Blount offered public comments.

XVI. New Business.

Commissioner Holt moved to go into “Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268 (a) – (1) Regarding Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Police Officer Otis Funches, Badge 690, assigned to the Twelfth Precinct;
(2) Regarding Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Sergeant Derek Loranger, Badge S-166, assigned to the Detroit Detention Center;
(3) Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(f) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(f); Senior Investigator Position - To review and consider the contents of an application for employment or appointment to a public office if the candidate requests that the application remain confidential.” (2/3 roll call vote required) (Time: 5:19 p.m.). The motion was adopted.

VOTE: Yes = 9 No = 0 Motion: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Holley, Vice-Chairperson Jones, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Bernard, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Holt.

XVII. Commissioner Bell moved to “Reconvene the Public Meeting.” (Time: 6:20 p.m.) The motion was adopted.

VOTE: Yes = 8 No = 0 Motion: ADOPTED

XVIII. Commissioner Brown moved “that the Board of Police Commissioners concur with Chief of Police James E. White’s Recommendation for Change of Duty Status to Administrative Leave without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Police Officer Otis Funches, Badge 690, assigned to the Twelfth Precinct.” The motion was adopted.

VOTE: Yes = 7 No = 0 Motion: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Holley, Vice-Chairperson Jones, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Holt.

Commissioner Holt moved “that the Board of Police Commissioners concur with Chief of Police James E. White’s Recommendation for Change of Duty Status to Administrative Leave without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Sergeant Derek Loranger, Badge S-166, assigned to the Detroit Detention Center.” The motion was adopted.

VOTE: Yes = 8 No = 0 Motion: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Holley, Vice-Chairperson Jones, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Holt.

Commissioner Bell moved “for the postponement of [selection for] Senior Investigator [position] for two weeks.” The motion was adopted.

VOTE: Yes = 8 No = 0 Motion: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Holley, Vice-Chairperson Jones, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Holt.

XIX. Chairperson Holley adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.